

This seal was $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, slightly larger than the present one, and was used until about 1835.

In the winter of 1834-'35 the Legislature passed an act authorizing the Governor to procure a new seal. The preamble to the act states that the old seal had been in use since the first day of March, 1793.²² The seal adopted in 1835, which was used until 1883, was very similar to its predecessor. On it Liberty and Plenty faced each other. Liberty standing, her pole with cap on it in her left hand, and a scroll with the word "Constitution" inscribed thereon in her right hand. Plenty, sitting down, her right arm half extended towards Liberty, three heads of wheat in her right hand, and in her left the small end of her horn, the mouth of which is resting at her feet, and the contents of her horn rolling out. Around the circumference were the words The Great Seal of the State of North Carolina. This seal was $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter. In 1868 the Legislature authorized the Governor to procure a Great Seal, and required him to provide a new seal whenever the old one was lost or so worn or defaced as to render it unfit for use.²³

In 1883 Col. S. McD. Tate introduced a bill, which became an act (Chapter 392, Public Laws of 1883), and was incorporated in The Code as section 3329. The seal therein provided for is described as follows:

"The Great Seal of the State of North Carolina shall be two and one-quarter inches in diameter, and its design shall be a representation of the figures of Liberty and Plenty, looking toward each other, but not more than half fronting each other, and otherwise disposed as follows: Liberty, the first figure, standing, her pole with cap on it in her left hand and a scroll with the word 'Constitution' inscribed thereon in her right hand. Plenty, the second figure, sitting down, her right arm half extended towards Liberty, three heads of wheat in her right hand, and in her left the small end of her horn, the mouth of which is resting at her feet, and the contents of the horn rolling out."

NOTE.—I can find no record of a new seal having been procured in 1868.

²²Should have been 1794.

²³See Appendix.